present state of affairs, surely, it would not be possible for us to take full advantage of the situation. As I said on earlier occasions also, India being the second largest food producer, next to Brazil and the second largest vegetable producer, next to China, we cannot exploit the international market because the post-harvesting technology is not readily available with the growers. Keeping that in view, a scheme has been launched by the Agriculture Minister—this scheme was visualised by the Planning Commission—i.e. 'small farmers agriculture research consortia!' where all these imports, technical imports, credit imports, managerial imports, entrepreneurial imports will be provided to the farmers in collaboration with trade, industry, scientific organisations and agriculture research organisations. Some of these pilot projects have already been undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture. We would like to give a real boost to these projects which will meet some of the requirements which the hon. Member has referred to.

श्री जनार्दन यादव : सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि भारत आर्थिक दृष्टि से गरीब देश है और भारत के ८० प्रतिशत लोग गरीब हैं। वह ग्रामीण उद्योगों के माध्यम से अचार, चटनी, पापड़ आदि छोटे छोटे उद्योगों के माध्यम से बनाकर अपनी आजीविका चलाते हैं। जब आप बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों को सामान बनाने के लिए भारत में लाएंगे तो निर्यात की प्रतियोगिता में वह कैसे खड़े हो सकेंगे ? अगर अचार एक बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनी बना रही है और उसे हमारी गरीब ग्रामीण महिला भी बना रही है तो एक तो अर्थ का अभाव है, दूसरे मशीनों का अभाव है, और दोनों अगर बाजार में आएंगे तो जो बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनी का बनाया हुआ अचार है वह ज्यादा लोग पसंद करेंगे क्योंकि उनके पास विज्ञापन के साधन हैं, उनके पास मशीनें हैं, उनकी कास्ट आफ प्रोडक्शन कम लगेगी। तो आप बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों को लाकर अपने ग्रामीण उद्योगों को बंद करना चाहते हैं ? अगर ग्रामीण उद्योग बंद हो जाएंगे तो ग्रामीण लोगों की आजीविका के लिए कौन से उद्योग आप उनको देना चाहते हैं ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : Sir, I have already said that it is not our policy to open the areas which are earmarked for the small scale sector or rural sector for investment from abroad.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 386.

Growth of employment in private and phblic sectors

386. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to sate :

(a) the Growth of employment in private and public sectors during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether there has been a short-fall in the growth of employment in these sectors;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) how for retrenchment and golden hand shake scheme are responsible for the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Employment is estimated to have increased by about 3 million during 1991-92 and by around 6 million during 1992-93. Estimates for growth in employment in 1993-94 have not been made. No specific targets on an annual basis are fixed for employment generation.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Before I begin with the first supplementary, I want to say that the figures have been given only for the first two years, namely, 1991-92 and 1992-93. Sir, as per the growth in both the private sector and the public sector, it is only 3 million during 1991-92 and 6 million during 1992-93. I would first like to have the break-up figures. What is the growth in the private sector and what is the growth in the public sector ? That is my main question. The main question has not been replied at all. Will the Minister first reply to the main question itself?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, the Planning Commission monitors the entire employment situation in the country and, so far, it has not been able to, perhaps, analyse the sector-wise growth. The only figure available, at this time, is of the increase in employment in terms of numbers during 1991-92 and 1992-93, which I have furnished. But we, in the

Labour Ministry's Employment Market Information, have made a study. That is only a study and, according to our survey, the growth of employment in the organised sector, both the public sector and the private sector put together, is 1.4 per cent.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: We want the separate figures.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : I don't have the separate figures.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I should be protected.. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: The Minister should give us the figures.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : The figures are available with me but I will not quote them. I would ask the Minister to reserve the question and reply to it the next time.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I think that is a legitimate thing. There should be some way of finding out the increase in unemployment or employment in the public sector.. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : In the Legislative Assembly of my State, these figures were given.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Sir, I will pass on the information later.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Minister will get that information for you later. You put your second supplementary.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Without that, I cannot put my second supplementary at all The question should be reserved.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Minister says that he does not have separate information.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: This question should be reserved and taken up on the next occasion so that I can put proper questions on that.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, there is a procedure for postponing a question. I think the information on this question is absolutely inadequate. You may ask the Minister to come prepared and the question can be postponed.

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: I have a submission to make. Before you decide to postpone the question, I would like to submit that we want the figures State-wise as well because we are interested in knowing what the proportion of increase in employment State-wise is. If the Minister is coming again he can supply the State-wise figures also.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Will it be all right if the Minister gives an assurance that he will give you that information ?

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: I feel that the question should be postponed or else there should be a Half-an-Hour discussion on it.

SHRI JIBON ROY : Yes, there should be a Half-an-Hour discussion on it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Minister, can we postpone the question to another date ?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, we will have this question on some other day.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Q. No. 387.

*387. *[The Questioner (Shri Ajit P. K.. Jogi) was absent. For answer* vide *column infra]*

साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड द्वारा अरपा नदी पर पुल का निर्माण

*388. श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० ने मध्य प्रदेश के बिलासपुर जिले में अरपा नदी पर पुल बनाने का कार्य आरंभ किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसमें अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है और यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा ; और

(ग) उसकी प्रस्तावित लागत कितनी है और निर्माण कार्य पर अब तक कितनी राशि खर्च की जा चुकी है ?